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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION

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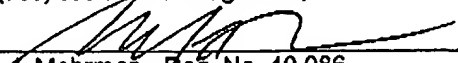
AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed May 5, 2004, please cancel claims 28, 51 and 52 and enter the amendment shown in the attached Amendment Dated August 18, 2004.

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 51 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. These claims have been canceled. The examiner also rejected claim 27-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 due to a lack of antecedent basis appearing in line 16 of claim 27. This informality has been corrected by amendment. Claim 36 has also been amended in response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

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